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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Fire in Duplin.

We regret to learn that the residence of Mr. J. W. E. Duplin, in the city of Duplin, was burned on the 10th inst. The fire caught in the main building and communicated to the kitchen and smoke-house, and these with most of their contents were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$2,000. No insurance.

Cape Fear Agricultural Association.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association at the Purcell Hotel on Wednesday evening, April 30th, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Business of importance will come before the meeting. All members are respectfully requested to attend.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

One of the most difficult problems of the present day is that involving the proper relations between capital and labor. There ought, indeed, to be no conflict between the two, but, unfortunately both for the laborer and the capitalist, one does exist; and recognizing the fact, both capitalist and laborer seek protection in combinations. What the result of the conflict will be, no one can predict with certainty.

THE WILMINGTON, CHARLOTTE AND RUTHERFORD RAILROAD.

The difficulties between Mr. McAden and the bondholders of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad were adjusted yesterday morning after a conference of several hours. The bondholders paying Mr. McAden about \$25,000 or \$30,000 in the forty odd thousand dollars which they forfeited, they purchasing the 200 bonds held by Mr. McAden. This gave them possession of all but \$5,000 or \$6,000 of the \$2,500,000 of first mortgage bonds issued by the Company.

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How He Looks and How He Acts—His Ability to Debate—A Success of Legislation.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune is writing a series of letters from South Carolina, giving the results of a careful examination into the present condition of affairs in that unfortunate State. In his last letter he tells the Northern people, in vivid language, how the colored brother looks and acts as a legislator, and how he makes a business of legislation.

One of the things that first strikes a casual observer in this negro assembly is the fluency of debate, if the endless chatter that goes on there can be dignified in this term. The leading topics of discussion are all well understood by the members, as they are of a practical character, and appeal directly to the personal interests of every legislator, as well as to those of his constituents. When an appropriation is made for the support of the free school, they know exactly what it means. They feel it in their bones. So, too, with educational matters.

The free school comes right home to them; then the business of arming and equipping the militia. They are eager to see the money laid out on these topics and those of a kindred character, and their endless rambling on these subjects is not without purpose. They are always ready for a trial of his skill. He believes he can do any thing and never loses an opportunity to try, and is just as ready to be laughed at for his failure as to be applauded for his success. He is more vain of his white, and being more volatile and good-natured, he is correspondingly more irascible.

His impetuosity in his imitations is at times indeed beyond measure. He is not only ready to jump on an anecdote, and will burst into a broad grin, but he is equally ready to break out into an incoherent hurra, and being without practice, discipline, or any other worldly wisdom, he is usually very noisy. Children were clinging to mothers, stout men were clapping their wives, seeming to have forgotten the presence of the speaker. The scene was horrible beyond description.

The correspondent then went to the company of the steamer, where he found the members of the Legislature. Bodies of strong men, old and young, were huddled together on the stowage deck, some smoking, some staring, glassy eyes, giving a conception of the terror which seized them as they vainly struggled to gain their feet.

From another part of the vessel a view was obtained of the leaping apartment, where, piled up in heaps, were the bodies of the dead. The scene was a sight to horrify the most sensitive. The bodies of the dead were piled up in heaps, and the scene was a sight to horrify the most sensitive.

Both parties are much divided by railroad and other local and personal interests. The former is a candidate for Governor, and is opposed by General Wood, who has been elected to the State. The latter is a candidate for Governor, and is opposed by General Wood, who has been elected to the State.

The mill, factory and shops of the Company cover an area of over 30,000 square feet. From their saw mill the Company turn out 400,000 feet of lumber and 200,000 to 300,000 laths per month. To supply the mill with logs, requires the labor of fifty men and a locomotive and eleven cars, with a railroad track four and a half miles in length, running into the woods. The factory and machine shops are filled with machinery of almost every description, by which are manufactured "things" innumerable, such as flooring, weatherboarding, mouldings, brackets, blinds, railroad cars, house frames, &c. Some of the country people appear to say that the Company "put a log in one end of their factory and it came out at the other" and they are ready to live in "huts" as they make houses by the yard and measure them off to suit purchasers, just as they do calves.

Of course we cannot vouch for the entire truthfulness of such reports, but we do know that they have built great many houses in Wilmington, as can be attested by a look at the many "huts" scattered about the city. We understand the Company are making arrangements to increase the manufacture of cars so as to be able to turn out from four to five cars a day.

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